KAZA ARISE. In Zimbabwe the project is being implemented by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Zimbabwe and its partners: - Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust (VFWT) and The Organisation of Rural Associations for Progress (ORAP).The project directly targets 800 households (700-Binga; 100-Hwange) living in communal wildlife areas adjacent to 17.000 km2 of Protected Areas, who will be capacitated to improve their livelihoods and protect the surrounding habitat through Agroecology and livestock management through the one health approach.

Binga District is located in the north-western part of Zimbabwe, within the KAZA region. It is known for its beautiful landscapes, diverse wildlife, and the presence of the Zambezi River. Hwange District is positioned within Zimbabwe's Matabeleland North Province, situated in the North-western region of the country. Renowned for its abundant natural assets, the district has the Hwange National Park, recognized as Zimbabwe's largest national park. Additionally, the presence of the Zambezi River and the Victoria Falls, counted among the world's seven natural wonders, further enhances the district's value. Organisation of Rural Associations for Progress (ORAP) in collaboration with WWF Zimbabwe is implementing an Agro-ecology project in the KAZA area of Binga District. Agro-ecology focuses on sustainable agricultural practices that preserve the environment and promote biodiversity. In the context of Binga District, this project aims to support local farmers in adopting agro-ecological methods that are in harmony with the natural ecosystem of the region.

By combining conservation efforts within the KAZA region with sustainable agricultural practices like agro-ecology, initiatives like the one led by ORAP and WWF Zimbabwe can help protect the rich biodiversity of the area while promoting food security and livelihood opportunities for local communities in Binga District.

The Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust (VFWT), in partnership with ORAP and WWF Zimbabwe, is actively involved in the KAZA project within Hwange District, with a particular emphasis on the initiative known as Herding for Health (H4H). Herding for Health entails a sustainable approach to livestock farming, empowering smallholder farmers to enhance their rangeland productivity collectively, safeguard their livestock assets, and integrate rural farmers into the beef value chains.

Conservation initiatives tailored to support local livelihoods in this wildlife dispersal area include promoting rotational grazing, employing predator-proof mobile enclosures, and providing veterinary services. These measures can bolster food security, mitigate habitat loss, and boost income for small-scale livestock farmers in Hwange District.

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The KAZA Arise Project is being implimented in Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Kavango-Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (KAZA) is one of the largest conservation areas in the world. It is a vast region that aims to promote biodiversity conservation, tourism, and sustainable development.



